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Violation of the government's orders regulating the prices of coal and foods is to be regarded as a criminal offense. The operatives of the bureau of investigation are to be used in gathering evidence.

That such is the order from T. W. Gregory, attorney general, was revealed in a dispatch received from Washington last night. For conviction it must only be proved that the violation of the government's order is "willful."

Retail and wholesale coal dealers, jobbers and mine operators, are deemed subject to prosecution.

United States district attorneys all over the country have been sent food and fuel administration prices and have been instructed to seek the indictment of all dealers against whom there is well founded complaint.

Fuel Administrator Garfield took the matter up with Mr. Gregory after receiving reports from many sections that excessive prices are being charged for coal.

State fuel administrators, according to Dr. Garfield, are to co-operate with the district attorneys in instituting prosecution, and it is expected that food administrators will work in the same manner.

NATURALIZATION

Aliens resident within Cook county may file declarations of intention to become citizens, or petitions for naturalization before the clerks of the following named courts:

United States District court, room 600 Federal building.

Superior court, room 437 County building.

Circuit court, room 412 County building.

Declarations of intention may be filed by aliens 18 years of age or over. No witnesses are required at the time of filing declarations, nor is the alien required to reside in this country any specified time prior to the date of filing his declaration. Declarations of intention are invalid for all purposes seven years after date of filing.

Petitions for naturalization or final papers may be filed after completion of five years' continuous residence in the United States, but not less than two years after the date of declaration of intention, and the alien must have resided in the state where his petition is filed at least one year next preceding the date of filing.

If the alien arrived in the United States after June 29, 1906, a certificate of arrival must be obtained from the commissioner of naturalization before filing his petition. Blank forms for this purpose may be obtained from the clerk of either of the courts above mentioned.

Petitions for naturalization must be verified by the affidavit of at least two credible witnesses, who have personally known the applicant for at least five years next preceding the date of his application.

A petition for naturalization must be signed by the applicant in his own handwriting, and he must be able to speak the English language.

A petition must be filed duly verified ninety days prior to the date of final hearing in court.

Aliens who have resided in two or more states in this country during the last five years, or those who have other complicated questions, should call on the chief naturalization examiner, room 776 Federal building, where they will be fully advised.

Charles A. McCulloch, the popular manager of the Frank Parmelee Company, is frequently mentioned for mayor by Republicans of influence. There is no more popular man in the Republican party today than Mr. McCulloch. He is popular with the leaders and with the workers, and has the good will of everybody else. As treasurer of the Republican County Committee in the last campaign he did great work for the party.

County Institutions around Chicago:

County Building—Clark street, between Washington and Randolph, south side.

Jail—Dearborn avenue and Illinois street; north side.

Criminal Court Building—Michigan street and Dearborn avenue; north side.

Children's Hospital—Wood street, near Polk; west side.

County Hospital—Harrison and Honore streets; west side.

County Infirmary—Oak Forest; reached by the Rock Island railroad.

Morgue—Wood and Polk streets; west side.

Detention Hospital—Wood and Polk streets; west side.

County Agent—213 South Peoria street; west side.

Insane Asylum and Tuberculosis Hospital—At Dunning; west side; reached by Milwaukee avenue cars and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway.

Juvenile Court—771 Ewing street; west side.

Home for Delinquent and Dependent Children—771 Ewing street.

Following is a directory of the government offices in the Federal Building in Chicago:

Bureau of Labor, room 851.

Custom house, south wing, fourth floor.

Hydrographic office, room 528.

Inspectors of steam vessels, room 529.

Internal Revenue Department, east wing, fourth floor.

Life Saving Service, room 500.

Lighthouse Department, room 501.

Naval office, room 451.

Pension Agency, room 706.

Reclamation Service, rooms 776-779.

United States District Attorney, rooms 825 to 833.

United States Engineer, room 508.

United States Marshal, rooms 804 and 806.

United States Subtreasury, first floor, northwest section.

Weather Bureau, fourteenth floor.

Dow B. Lewis would make a good County Commissioner.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS CALLED

National. Calls for the following civil service examinations, to be held in the near future, have been issued by Peter Newton, secretary of the commission, with offices in the federal building:

Specification writer, \$1.72 to \$7.04 per day.

Statistical clerk, \$900 to \$1,200 a year.

Tabulating mechanician, \$1,200 to \$1,400.

Calculating machine operator, \$900 to \$1,200.

Mechanical draftsman, \$1,400 to \$1,800.

Accessory inspector, small arms ammunition, \$1,200 to \$2,100.

Senior dairy herdman, \$1,500.

Inspector of rubber, \$1,200.

Clerk with knowledge of stenography and typewriting, \$900 to \$1,200.

Mechanical and electrical engineer, \$1,500.

Telegraph operator, \$900 to \$1,000.

Master sheet metal worker, \$8.24 a day.

Local and assistant inspector of boilers, \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Local and assistant inspector of hulls, \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Laboratory apprentice, \$540.

Laboratory aid, \$600 to \$720.

Laboratory assistant, \$900.

Assistant director for agricultural education, \$4,500.

Assistant director for home economics (woman), \$4,500.

Assistant director for trade and industrial education, \$4,500.

Assistant director for commercial education, \$4,500.

Assistant director for research, \$4,000.

Resident pathologist (773), male and female, Class A, Rank 3, Grade 1. Pay \$150 a month and maintenance. To be held at 9 a. m., January 4, 1918.

The duties of this position involve responsible charge of the pathological, biological and bacteriological work at a hospital or institution, the checking of postmortem findings and diagnoses, attendance at autopsies and the accountability for the work of assistants.

The nature of the position requires the applicant to be a graduate of a recognized medical school, and makes laboratory training and original research work advantageous.

The scope of the examination will be: Special subject, weight 5; experience, weight 3; practical, weight 2.

EAGLETS.

The Emerald Motion Picture Company is turning out some grand films at its new studio, 1717 to 1723 Wells street. This well known company, of which Frederick J. Ireland is president, now possesses one of the most extensive and best organized plants in the country.

C. A. Bickett, the well known president of the Bickett Coal & Coke Co., is a commanding figure in the commercial world. He is universally respected in the coal trade and is popular with everybody who has had business dealings with him.

Robert R. Jampolis would make a great judge.

The prosperous Lake and State Savings Bank established four years ago, has changed its name to the Century Trust & Savings Bank and moved to its new home, the Century Bank Building, at the corner of State and Adams street. The Century is a state bank under state supervision and is solid and reliable.

Gustav Ehrhardt, the well known and highly respected building contractor, of the big and prosperous firm of Butler & Company, has the good wishes of everybody that he ever had a contract with. His work always speaks for itself.

Charles E. Schlytern president of the Union Bank of Chicago, is one of the most highly respected financiers and bankers in the West, and the bank of which he is the head has won a well-deserved reputation for fair dealing and solidity. Its deposits are growing every day and it numbers among its customers many of the best people and strongest business concerns in the city.

The Acme Manufacturing Company, of which M. E. Ketchum is manager, does a fine business at 120 South State street. The company is deservedly popular with everybody with whom it does business. The company are designers and manufacturers of platings of every description, hemstitching, peccot edging, buttons covered, buttonholes, tucking, shirring, fagoting, pinking, ruffling, smocking, fluting, sponging, ruffling, replaiting, velvets mirrored, cutting, joining, hemming, neckwear and novelties.

Charles H. Duffield, President and Treasurer Thearle-Duffield Fireworks Display Company, was for many years Western Manager of the Pain's Fireworks Display Company of America, and was assistant to H. B. Thearle, President of the Pain Company. In 1914 the Pain Company suffered a disastrous fire and explosion at one of its Chicago warehouses, at which time President Thearle lost his life, and shortly after the company discontinued business. It was then that Mr. Duffield organized and incorporated the present Thearle-Duffield Fireworks Display Company. This company purchased the spectacle property and other tangible assets of the Pain Company, and have since conducted a most successful business—in High Class Fireworks Displays and Mammoth Scenic Fireworks Spectacles—and they secure large contracts from the Great Majority of the leading State Fairs throughout the United States, etc.

THE BEACON

By MARY RANDALL.

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No matter how long or dark the night, no matter if it was the brightest moonlight, always and ever there was a light shining in the parlor alcove window in the home of widow Janet Graham.

The neighbors and townspeople generally related a weird tale connected with the familiar beacon. The widow and her son, Verne Graham, had come to Roslyn and had rented the pretty little cottage. The young man was brisk, industrious, always had a smile on his face, and it was no wonder that he attracted the attention of Marjorie Dale, who was the nearest neighbor. Her life was devoted to the care of a crippled father and an invalid mother. She was one of those sweet, patient souls whose face is irradiated with a purity and gentleness almost ethereal, and when Verne was called to a more promising position in the city her pride mingled with that of the fond mother, and they built great hopes as to his business future.

A year went by and twice Verne visited home, and each week he wrote to both the dear ones. When he had first left them Mrs. Graham had looked earnestly into his eyes.

"Verne," she said, "you see the light I have placed in the window. It shall be there on the darkest night, your beacon. Think of it, cherish it."

One day Mrs. Graham and Marjorie were seated conversing, when a keened-eyed, hard-faced man knocked at the door. He edged his way into the room, glancing about sharply.

"I am looking for Verne Graham," he announced in a tone of assurance and command that somehow chilled the hearts of mother and fiancée.

"He is not here," Mrs. Graham advised the visitor. "It is three months since we saw him last. Even his usual letter missed us last week. Oh, sir! I trust there is no trouble."

"Sorry to say there is," bluntly responded the stranger, "and I am a detective looking for him. He disappeared from his work ten days ago, taking with him twenty thousand dollars of the funds of the company entrusted to his charge."

"My son a thief!" cried Mrs. Graham. "It is false!"

The man shrugged his shoulders indifferently. "I do not believe him!" breathed Marjorie, agitatedly. "There is some error, some plot, oh! be assured of that. Mother Graham, I am going straight to the city to ferret out all the details of this terrible thing."

Marjorie Dale was received at the place where Verne Graham had been a cashier by the manager, a Mr. Thorpe. The man was coldly polite and matter of fact. The money and Verne Graham had vanished together, this man told Marjorie.

Marjorie carried a breaking heart back to the little country village. She told her story amid the tears to the stricken mother. "Oh, it is vain!" cried Marjorie. "Verne will never come back."

"He will come," solemnly declared the mother. "Of his innocence or guilt what can I say, but he is always my son, always welcome, no matter how black his sins may be. Some night Verne will come back to the light in the window."

Then came a break in their companionship. Marjorie's father died and a brother insisted on Mrs. Dale making her home in his household. Marjorie went to the city and became a nurse in a public hospital. One night the word went round that a terrible railroad accident would send in many sufferers for treatment. After the surgeons had attended to one victim in her ward, he delegated the patient to Marjorie's charge. The man was insensible and had sustained frightful injuries. Marjorie was startled as she recognized him. He was the plant manager, Mr. Thorpe, whom Marjorie had called upon in regard to the disappearance of Verne Graham.

Marjorie sat down by the cot. She became conscious that the eyes of the patient were fixed upon her. She met the glance.

"I've seen you before," spoke Thorpe. "You were the sweetheart of Verne Graham."

"Try and keep quiet," directed Marjorie gently. "It will harm you to talk."

"I've got to talk!" almost shouted the man, in a wild strain of excitement. "I want you to send at once for Mr. Woodson, the head of our house. It is vital, it must be done, and more for your sake than my own."

Marjorie consulted the head nurse and Mr. Woodson was sent for. He arrived within the hour. As Marjorie placed a chair by the bedside of the patient and moved out of hearing, the latter called out insistently:

"No, no—she must hear, too. Mr. Woodson, Verne Green never stole that twenty thousand dollars. It was I who did it. I worked out a plot against him and hired some persons as wicked as myself to hold him in captivity. Take down my confession and the details of where this man whom I have so cruelly wronged can be found and rescued."

Thorpe breathed his last the next morning. The wealthy and humane Mr. Woodson at once insisted that she accompany him on the journey that was to restore to a loyal, faithful girl her lover, to a patient, loving mother her cherished son.

"The house will make all due amends for the fearful work of Thorpe," pledged Mr. Woodson.

And the light in the window, welcomed Verne home at last!

Hope Long Deferred.

"Just give me a little hope, and I'll wait for you a lifetime."

"All right. I'll marry you 70 years from today."

Must Be One.

"Is she a suffragette?"

"I don't know. Why do you ask?"

"I just saw her husband hanging out the washing."

The man who talks much of himself is condemned to a set of poor listeners.

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